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ACTION STR PASS ELECTRICALLY
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E.O.11652:N/A
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SUBJECT: EC INDUSTRIAL TARIFFS

REF: STATE 159899

1. PARA 3 REFTEL ASKS ABOUT POSSIBLE EC WITHDRAWAL OF 84.52A, ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN NO INDICATION BY THE EC THAT THIS ITEM IS A "HARDCORE" EXCEPTION. THEY HAVE, HOWEVER, POINTED OUT THAT THE PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARY OF THE CONCESSION WOULD BE JAPAN. (EC IMPORTS FROM JAPAN OF THIS ITEM IN 1976 WERE $175 MILLION, COMPARED TO ITS IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. OF $34 MILLION.) WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH BOTH DUGIMONT AND HUYSMANS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS WITHDRAWAL TO THE U.S. IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT CCCN NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON CLASSIFICATION OF COMPUTER PERIPHERALS. BOTH PROFESSED IGNORANCE OF THIS RECOMMENDATION AND HAVE PROMISED TO LOOK
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INTO THE MATTER AND ENGAGE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. ON THIS IN THE FUTURE.

2. MTN DEL INTENDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED ON A TIMELY BASIS, TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION ON A PRIORITY BASIS WITH EC NEGOTIATORS.

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3. COMMENT: THE EC THUSFAR HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ENABLE USMTN DELEGATION TO CATEGORIZE ANY OF THE EC 200 POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS AS HARDCORE. WE DOUBT THE EC (AS OPPOSED TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES) HAS ITSELF THOUGHT IN TERMS OF WHAT IS OR IS NOT HARDCORE SINCE IT APPEARS TO BELIEVE THE U.S. (AND JAPAN) WILL BE UNABLE TO IMPROVE ITS OFFER SUFFICIENTLY TO INDUCE THE EC TO SIGNIFICANTLY SCALE DOWN THE ORIGINAL EC POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS LIST, LEAST OF ALL ON ITEMS WHICH PRINCIPALLY AFFECT THE JAPANESE.

4. DRAFTED BY MARSH. MCDONALD

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